

What is claimed is:

1. A method of opening and closing a container,  
said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;  
a lid movably attached to said body portion;  
a panel formed in said at least one wall of

said body portion;

wherein said panel is attached to said lid;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an  
opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes  
said panel to separate from said at least one wall,  
thereby forming a hole in said at least one wall;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a  
closing force thereto;

releasably retaining said lid in said closed  
position by engaging at least a portion of said panel  
with at least a portion of said wall.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said lid is a  
flip top lid.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said container  
further comprises a sheet of material covering said hole.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said sheet of  
material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein:  
said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge  
portion separated from said stationary portion by a score  
line;

said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and  
said engaging at least a portion of said panel with  
at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said  
hinge portion with said at least a portion of said wall.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein:  
said at least one wall of said body portion includes  
a hinge portion;

5 wherein said engaging at least a portion of said  
panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises  
engaging said at least a portion of said panel with said  
hinge portion.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said engaging at  
least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of  
said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of  
said panel with at least a portion of said wall within  
said opening.

8. A container comprising:  
a body portion having at least one wall;  
a lid movably attached to said body portion;  
wherein said container includes a first condition  
5 before said container has initially been opened, a second  
open condition and a third re-closed condition;  
wherein, in said first condition, a panel is  
attached to both said at least one wall of said body  
portion and said lid;

10 wherein in said second condition, said panel remains  
attached to said lid but has been removed from said at  
least one wall member, thus leaving a hole in said at  
least one wall;

15 wherein, in said third condition, at least a portion  
of said panel is releasably engaged with at least a  
portion of said wall.

9. The container of claim 8 wherein said lid is a  
flip top lid.

10. The container of claim 8 and further comprising  
a sheet of material covering said hole.

11. The container of claim 10 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

12. The container of claim 8 wherein:  
said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge portion separated from said stationary portion by a score line;

said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and  
said at least a portion of said panel comprises said hinge portion.

13. The container of claim 8 wherein:  
said at least one wall of said body portion includes a hinge portion; and

said at least a portion of said wall comprises said hinge portion.

14. A method of opening and closing a container,  
said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;  
a lid movably attached to said body portion;  
a hinge movably attached to said lid;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;

releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least a portion of said hinge with at least a portion of said wall.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line

and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

17. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

- a body portion having at least one wall;
- a lid movably attached to said body portion;
- a hinge movably attached to said lid;

wherein, in said closed condition, at least a portion of said hinge is engaged with at least a portion of said wall.

18. The container of claim 17 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

19. The container of claim 17 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

20. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

- a body portion having at least one wall;
- a lid movably attached to said body portion;
- a hinge portion;
- a stationary portion;

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and

wherein said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said hinge portion to misalign with said stationary portion;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;

using said hinge portion to releasably retain said lid in said closed position.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

23. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said  
at least one wall of said body portion.

24. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;  
a lid movably attached to said body portion;  
a hinge portion;  
a stationary portion;

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and  
wherein said container includes a first condition before said container has initially been opened, a second open condition and a third re-closed condition;

wherein, in said first condition, said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

wherein in said second condition, said hinge portion is misaligned with said stationary portion;

wherein, in said third condition, said hinge portion releasably retains said lid in said re-closed condition.

25. The container of claim 24 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

26. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

27. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said at least one wall of said body portion.

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